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TAX FRAUD GETS PLEASANT HILL MAN ONE YEAR IN PRISON

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr. sentenced THEODORE BELVIN, aka THEODORE WARE, 74, of Pleasant Hill, Calif., today to one year in federal prison for filing a false claim for refund with the Internal Revenue Service. Judge Damrell also ordered him to repay the IRS.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sean C. Flynn, who prosecuted the case, BELVIN admitted filing a false claim on his personal tax return filed in 2005, seeking a refund of \$10,450.00. BELVIN, who also operated under the alias Theodore Ware, further admitted that between 1998 and 2005, he filed 14 false refund claims, under two different names and Social Security numbers, seeking payments from the Internal Revenue Service. Each of the 14 returns included fabricated W-2 forms that reported fictitious tax withholdings from a nonexistent company called All Pro Services. Altogether, BELVIN fraudulently received more than \$90,000 in tax refunds over a seven-year period. BELVIN pleaded guilty on November 3, 2008.

“During this tax-filing season, tax preparers should be aware that, along with our criminal investigative partners in the IRS, we will prosecute those individuals who choose to violate the tax laws of the United States for their personal profit,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Brown.

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